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Campus Events

Thursday, Jan. 12:

Music Education Lecture: How Young Teachers Damage Their Voices and What to Do to Prevent This: 12:30 p.m. Recital Hall Creative Arts Center

Workshop with Steel Painter Mike Elsass: 4-6 p.m. Color of Energy Gallery 16 Brown St. Dayton

Open Mic Night with Brandon: 9 p.m. Blind Bob's Tavern

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Friday, Jan. 13:

Heroes, by Tom Stoppard: 8 p.m. Dayton Theatre Guild 430 Wayne Ave. Dayton

Saturday, Jan. 14:

Senior Recital: Sarah Beatriz,

clarinet: 3 p.m. Recital Hall Creative Arts Center

African American Alumni Association Annual Meeting: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Berry Room 1, Nutter Center

Think Fast Game Show: 9-11 p.m. 120 Medical Sciences Building

Heroes, by Tom Stoppard: 5 p.m. Dayton Theatre Guild 430 Wayne Ave. Dayton

Latin Dance Lessons: 7-9 p.m. Therapy Café Club 452 E. 3rd St. Dayton

Sunday, Jan. 15:

Heroes, by Tom Stoppard: 3 p.m. Dayton Theatre Guild 430 Wayne Ave. Dayton

Monday, Jan. 16:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Campus Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 17:

Candygrams and Pass the Pig:

12-3 p.m. Student Union Atrium

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

Drawing Studio: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Gallery 510 Fine Art 510 E. 5th St. Dayton

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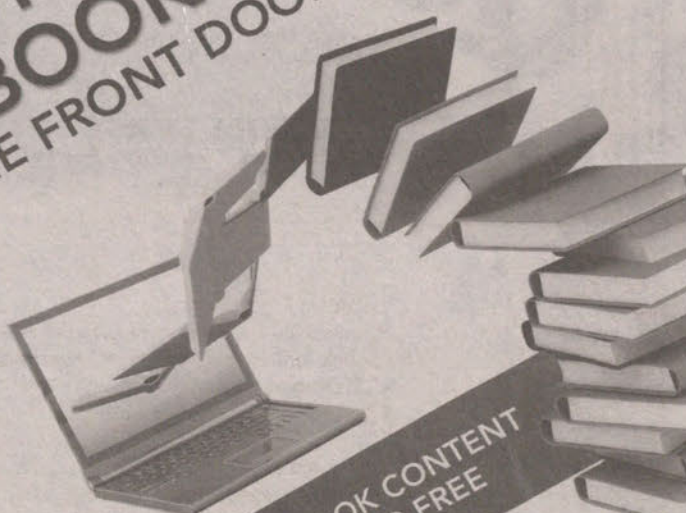
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A degree: an expensive piece of paper or a worth while investment?

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What a student declares as their major may be more financially significant than students think, according to information collected about undergraduate majors by the Census Bureau in 2009.

The information says a difference of \$3.64 million was earned between a liberal arts major and an engineering major.

This brings up questions such as how great is the financial return on average for bachelor degrees, and do students have plans to apply their major to their careers?

There are approximately 20,000 students attending Wright State this year. Undergraduate tuition is \$243 per hour and \$2,690 for full time status per quarter.

Graduate tuition is \$363 per hour and \$3,942 for full time status per quarter.

Are the financial tuitions payments worth it in the long run for all 20,000 students or just some?

A story published by USA Today, titled "College major analysis: Engineers get highest salaries" said that liberal arts and humanities majors reported making \$47,000 a year on average.

From these majors 40 percent of the people who made \$47,000 on average had graduate degrees.

A graduate degree increased the income by 50 percent to an average of \$47,000.

Lee Lauren Alder, a graduate

student who is getting her master's in public administration from Wright State University, can relate with this story.

Alder received her undergraduate degree from WSU in 2010 with a bachelor's of arts in urban planning.

Alder plans on applying her degree to her career and is optimistic, but not definite, that it will happen.

"I hope to! I would really like to work for a city in their planning department. Community development, especially in smaller communities that face economic, cultural and social struggles really interests me," Alder said.

A money rat race is in action where some students need a job to pay off their loans, in order to get a job, they need a graduate degree but getting a it means more loans.

"I do think that the money spent on school is worth it. Paying back loans is rough and I don't think college is for everyone, but in the long run I hope that obtaining a degree will give me a leg up when looking for a good job," Alder said.

At first, mass communication major Joseph Bargdill felt completely opposite to Alder and didn't believe that the tuition payments would pay off.

"Short term the money is a complete waste of my time. I battled daily for the first year and half about quitting college. The more I tried to deal with the reality of it I convinced myself that later in my life it will help me for when I'm ready to retire and too old to do the physical production work," Bargdill said.

Bargdill has worked in broadcasting

for 13 years with the local affiliates of Fox, ABC and NBC. He owns a production company and works as a broadcast media instructor for the International College of Broadcasting.

Being in the industry Bargdill said he values his experience more than his education, which he believes helps him with his professional life. His desire to have an easier job when he becomes older is what drives him to get his undergraduate degree.

"I'll need a cushiony job like a department professor...who knows if that will happen or not though predicting that far into the future," Bargdill said.

History major Adam Smith, doesn't have plans of applying his major to his future career. Instead, he wishes to get a graduate degree in business. He works in the medical device industry.

Smith said he got a job in the industry because "I knew the right people."

Smith wishes to eventually be an executive in the medical device industry. Getting a graduate degree in business will be made possible by his

support from the GI Bill.

Despite the fact that Smith does not have intentions to use his history major in his future career he said, "My education has helped me to build a very unique skill set based on strong analytical skills."

Dan Baker is adamant that he will be using his degree as a double major in biological sciences and earth and environmental sciences.

"Of course I'll be applying my degree," Baker said.

Baker is an employee with Wright-Patterson Airforce Base and he hopes that he can eventually acquire a job within WFAB that will be more scientific.

While the more technical and scientific majors usually have the highest financial payoffs the highest paying majors are also the most unpopular, according to the USA Today article.

For more information on the Census Bureau's analysis of undergraduate majors visit: cew.georgetown.edu/whatsitworth.

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Thank you!

Five note worthy things to know

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1. Book buyback 101:

The WSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the Student Union buys back textbooks all year long.

The best time for students to get part of their text investment back is during finals week.

Mike Gessner, textbook manager at the bookstore said the end of the quarter is when the bookstore has access to professors' book orders for the following quarter.

Addressing the book order need has to do with the amount the student will receive on the sale of their book, Gessner said.

Books are bought at 50 percent of your previous purchased price on a first come, first serve basis Gessner said.

When the demand for a particular book has been filled, subsequent purchases of the same book are done so at the "national demand price," Gessner said.

Once the needs of the university are addressed, the market then depends on

the demand outside of the university, and the buyback price may be anywhere from 10 to 40 percent of the original cost where wholesalers offer much lower.

2. So you've either graduated or you're going to. What's next?

Students interested in applying for graduate school should allow four to six weeks, or a whole semester in advance.

Lindsey Smith, a student worker with graduate admissions, said because it takes time to get all the needed information and documents in, students should keep in close contact with the department for which they are applying.

This will allow the applicant to be current and familiar with the status of their application and be made aware of missing items remaining, such as special references. Students must submit a letter of goals and objectives when applying.

Smith said there may be different sets of requirements students must fulfill for graduate admissions and the department they are applying to.

The process of undergraduate admissions should begin a few weeks

ahead due to the preparation involved in transcript processing, advising, scheduling and fees.

3. Paying for classes:

According to the Bursar's Office, registering for classes after Jan. 17 will result in a late registration fee of \$250.

Winter payments are due on January 20th if registration was completed in December and Feb. 20 if registration was completed in January.

\$50 late fees are assessed after those dates for balances of \$200 or more.

4. Internships: Should you get one?

Career Services, located on the third floor of the Student Union, has information about applying for internships.

Charlene Walker and Stephanie Spencer can offer guidance pertaining to internship and co-op opportunities.

Internships can be found on or off-campus.

Spencer said, "Many on-campus internships are considered student employment and can range from professional positions to ordinary jobs."

Walker noted there are "limited on-campus career-oriented internships, and much of those available on-campus are not really linked back to the student majors."

There are on-campus internships for Communication & Marketing and Auditing.

These opportunities are generally listed in Wright Search as student employment, but could possibly be applied to a co-op experience or a liberal arts internship.

The student should take the initiative to inquire about internships and co-op opportunities if interested.

Student employment positions do not require a particular major for participation or eligibility where co-op and internships found in Wright Search would.

If a student finds something listed as student employment that happens to be quite relevant to their field of study and they are interested in pursuing it, they are encouraged to contact the Career Services office to find out whether it may be eligible for co-op as a pre-professional experience, Walker said.

According to the website, students can become eligible for internships their sophomore year.

Career services matches employers with students with a goal to give students the type of work that can enrich their education in their field of study.

Walker said they encourage off-campus internships, ones that are career-related and related to ones major.

"There are no fees associated with non-credit bearing co-op or internship registration through Career Services" the website states.

Walker said, "Co-ops are not for credit but are noted as a course on the college transcript, and there is no charge for them."

The website says, "Students may have options to register for credit. Per credit hour fees apply. The Career Services liaison can provide information about these options."

Internships for college credit includes additional assignments that are signed off on by the faculty member involved, in collaboration with the approval of career services and the employer.

Walker said, "It would then become a three-way contract."

5. Parking:

While attending classes, all students must obtain parking permits for on campus parking.

This includes commuter, resident and handicapped parking.

The parking and transportation website says fines can become applicable for improper parking.

Improper parking includes but is not limited to not displaying a student parking permit, which can result in a fine of \$25 for each offense.

Other, more severe fines will be charged for displaying a fraudulent permit or parking in a fire lane or in a faculty area.

For extreme cases of fines which can accumulate to \$100 or more, vehicle towing and records holds also apply.

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African American Alumnis meet

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The African American Alumni Society is gathering for its annual meeting. This will include lunch, a discussion on when and where the monthly meetings will be held and time to socialize with other members.

"We will be serving a soup and salad luncheon, a great meal for a cold winter day. During the meeting, we will discuss future plans for the Society and how we want to move the organization forward so as to best serve our student population," said Patricia Jones, vice president of the African American Alumni Society.

The African American Alumni Society helps students and Wright State in multiple ways.

"Generally, we serve in a supportive role for Bolinga Center activities, whether it be participating in activities or providing financial support. We have served as mentors to students and we are currently planning to reinstitute a leadership program with the students," said Jones. "For the next few years, we hope to plan a major event that will bring alumni and students together. We also hold two wine tasting events each year to support scholarships for African

American students."

Jones believes having a lunch will bring more people together. Anyone is welcome to attend the lunch, with no obligation to become a member.

The lunch will take place on Jan. 14 in the Berry Room at the Nutter Center from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Our goals are the success of WSU's African American students, staff and alumni; to recruit and retain African American students, faculty, and administrators; and to support and promote the activities and programs of the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center," said Jones.

The African American Alumni Society always welcomes student involvement.

"We need graduating [and] graduated students to help move the organization forward and to maintain its viability," said Jones.

Once students graduate they may sign up with the Alumni Association and select the African American Alumni as their society. According to Jones, "New graduates can join for \$40 for two years." Part of this fee will go directly to the society. There is also a lifetime membership for those interested.

To register for the meeting or to find out more information, go to www.wrightstatealumni.com

WSU how to: make a looped scarf

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I am a huge fan of looped scarves. I love how easy they are and how they can polish any outfit in a second. Unlike longer scarves that can get caught in doors, or even worse, have the potential to let its wearer trip on the long ends, the looped scarf is a safer bet. The thing I like most about them is how simple they are to make. A few stitches and you have your staple accessory for the Winter season. I chose faux fur because it is trendy this season, festive and warm.

Here is what you will need:

- Cozy, warm fabric about a foot in height and however long you want your scarf to be in length,

- needle and thread

- some embellishment like strings of sequins, fun buttons, or loose rhinestones (optional).

1. Take ends of your fabric (long ways) and stitch the two pieces together. This will be the looped scarf that you slip over your head and around your neck.

2. If you want embellishments, you can add them in any way you'd like-sew, hot glue or fabric glue. The nice thing about this piece is that it gives you plenty of room for creativity.

That's all, just two simple steps to your own hand-made looped scarf. If you want to make another one that you can wear indoors, just use a light fabric such as cotton. Enjoy!



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Student Philanthropy Council helps students say thanks

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Getting into college is not easy; it requires guidance and help from teachers, parents and donors. The Student Philanthropy Council wants to help students thank those who helped them get to where they are today.

According to Luke Keiser, President of the Student Philanthropy Council, this will be the third year for Thank You Thursday.

"It was a way we could give students an opportunity to thank scholarship donors," said Keiser.

Thank You Thursday will

take place on Jan. 19 from noon until three in the Student Union Atrium. There will be tables set up with cards and scrap paper and there will be Philanthropy members to help with writing ideas. This is a free event. All cards will also be delivered for free.

"It's important that the donors see what kind of impact they're making on student's lives," said Keiser.

There will also be prizes. For every card students make they will receive a slip of paper which puts them in the running for gift cards, an iHome and a cardboard cutout of Rowdy.

The Student Philanthropy

Council will also be able to look up donors for those who do not know who gave them their scholarship. For students who do not have scholarships, teachers, parents and any other person who has helped them get to where they are may receive cards.

"Tuition only covers 52% of what it takes to run the university and the rest comes from outside funding," said Keiser.

The Student Philanthropy Council was started in 2009. They are currently looking for members. At meetings they talk about ways students can give back. Thank You Thursday is their biggest event of the year. Their

goal is to help students form habits.

"A lot of the school is made up of outside donation, if we can get students into the habit of donating while they're in school, they will donate when their out of school," said Keiser.

The Student Philanthropy Council will hold their next meeting on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Phonathon Office, which is across from Meijer. If you are interested in joining the Student Philanthropy Council or have any questions contact Luke Keiser at keiser.8@wright.edu.

Wright Life Photos



WSU Alumni have a good a time at the Alumni Association's beer tasting.

Kyle Wilkinson / The Guardian



Raider fans cheer the basketball team on at their game versus Butler University.

Christian Cone-Lombarte / The Guardian



Members of the WSU swim team get pumped up before there meet. The team went on to beat Ashland Saturday, January 7.

Christian Cone-Lombarte / The Guardian

Raider Insider with Heather Burton

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Heather Burton is a sophomore cheerleader for Wright State and an accounting major from Franklin Furnace, OH. She is a 2010 graduate of Green High School.

The Guardian: "Why did you decide to cheer for Wright State?"

Burton: "Actually how it happened was that I was a club cheerleader and then they asked me to join their team; I thought it would just be cool to be part of another squad. It's always been fun for me and the camaraderie is really nice, too."

The Guardian: "What sports do you cheer for?"

Burton: "I cheer for football and basketball—the women's team on basketball."

The Guardian: "Which one is your favorite to cheer for?"

Burton: "I would say cheering for the women's games are more fun because we do different skill sets, like we start at stuff that's new to me and it's just kind of exciting."

The Guardian: "What's been your favorite experience so far?"

Burton: "Probably just getting

to meet everybody. There are a lot of people on the squads and they're actually all super-nice, and they all accepted us, the new girls, really well; it was just nice to have new people to hang out with."

The Guardian: "What are some positives and negatives that go with cheering?"

Burton: "I would say the hardest part is scheduling classes around it, but that's about it. The positives? You have new friends and you learn new skill sets. Plus it keeps you in shape!"

The Guardian: "How physical is cheerleading?"

Burton: "We have to run a mile every practice. It's a lot more work than people think it is because you are going in the air, there's people holding up other people; it's a lot harder than most people realize."

The Guardian: "What's your training regimen like?"

Burton: "We have practices Sunday through Thursday. Tuesdays and Thursdays is conditioning. It's only for an hour, but it's pretty brutal at times depending on how everyone's feeling. The practices are sometimes like three-and-a-half hours long, so that's kind of rough, but you push through it."

The Guardian: "Why should students come out and support WSU



Heather (far left) gathers with teammates during a women's basketball game.

Photo contributed by Joyce Whitaker

athletics?"

Burton: "It's a really nice feeling to know you're part of something and

it's nice to all come together to support a cause, and it really makes everyone feel good; it's just a lot of fun!"

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CHANGING LIVES

Men dominate Valparaiso after suffering close loss to rival Butler

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Heading into the weekend, men's basketball coach Billy Donlon anticipated two challenging games against Horizon League opponents.

But even he couldn't prepare for what followed.

The Raiders dropped a 63-62 heartbreaker to rival Butler on Friday. In a game that had 20 lead changes and 16 ties, the Bulldogs won after a frantic finish.

A three by Julius Mays gave Wright State a 57-54 lead with under two minutes left. Butler's Andrew Smith quickly tied the game with his own three.

Mays then hit two free throws, but Smith hit another three and his teammate Ronald Nored made a pair of free throws to give Butler a 62-59 lead.

With the game winding down, John Balwigaire drew a foul while shooting a three. Under pressure, he sank all the free throws to tie the game.

Afterwards, Butler had the ball with the shot clock off.

As Nored drove to the lane, WSU fouled with two seconds left. He made the first to give Butler a 63-62 lead.

On the game's final play, Mays just missed a game-winning half-court shot.

Though Mays didn't replicate his Dec. 20 buzzer beater over Idaho, he finished with 24 points and seven rebounds.

Teammate Johann Mpondo added 12 points for his second consecutive game in double-figures, while Reggie Arceneaux had 11 points.

The loss, however, didn't affect the team for long. Two days later, the Raiders crushed Valparaiso 73-55.

Though WSU found itself in another tight contest and trailed 33-31 at halftime, they took control in the second half.

Paced by a career-high 23 points from Armond Battle and 21 from Julius Mays, the Raiders shot 61 percent after halftime.

In a season that's featured offensive struggles for WSU, things finally clicked against Valparaiso.

The team shot 49.1 percent, but only turned the ball over eight times. They moved the ball well and



Photo by Kyle Wilkinson/The Guardian

Junior guard Julius Mays drives around a Valparaiso defender in the team's latest win.

executed—areas Donlon's focused on all season.

On defense, the Raiders had their best game yet by limiting the Horizon League's highest scoring team to 55 points.

The Raiders (9-9, 4-2) sit only a half game behind Cleveland State, Milwaukee and Youngstown State.

The team leaves this week for a three game road trip against Milwaukee, Green Bay and Detroit.

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Men's Basketball

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(as of Tuesday, Jan. 10)

Wright State (4-2 HL, 9-9)
 Detroit (2-4 HL, 8-10)
 Valparaiso (3-2 HL, 10-7)
 Milwaukee (4-1 HL, 11-6)
 Butler (3-2 HL, 9-8)
 Youngstown State (4-1 HL, 9-6)
 Cleveland State (4-1 HL, 14-3)
 Loyola (0-6 HL, 5-11)
 Green Bay (2-3 HL, 6-9)
 UIC (1-5 HL, 5-11)

Thursday, Jan. 12
 at Milwaukee 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
 at Green Bay 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21
 at Detroit 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25
 vs. UIC 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27
 vs. Loyola 7:00 p.m.

Swimming

Saturday, Jan. 21
 vs. Cleveland State 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21
 vs. Youngstown State 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
 vs. Xavier 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4
 at Cincinnati 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22-25
 Horizon League Championships

Women's Tennis

Friday, Jan. 20
 at Saint Louis 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21
 at SIU Edwardsville 5:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(as of Tuesday, Jan. 10)

Wright State (4-0 HL, 11-5)
 Youngstown State (2-1 HL, 8-6)
 UIC (2-2 HL, 9-6)
 Valparaiso (0-4 HL, 4-11)
 Cleveland State (1-2 HL, 6-8)
 Loyola (1-3 HL, 6-9)
 Milwaukee (0-3 HL, 4-9)
 Green Bay (3-0 HL, 13-0)
 Detroit (3-1 HL, 7-9)
 Butler (2-2 HL, 6-9)

Thursday, Jan. 12
 vs. Green Bay 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
 vs. Milwaukee 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21
 at Detroit 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26
 at Cleveland State 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
 at Youngstown State 4:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Saturday, Jan. 14
 vs. Michigan State 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
 vs. Morehead State 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
 vs. Bradley 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20
 vs. Saint Louis 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21
 vs. SIU Edwardsville 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26
 at Ball State 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4
 at Akron 2:00 p.m.

Lady Raiders remain perfect in league play



Sophomore guard Kayla Lamotte looks to pass the ball off to an open teammate in a recent game.

Kyle VanHoose
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Despite trailing by nine points at halftime, the Wright State women's basketball team battled back to defeat UIC 62-60 on the road Saturday.

The Raiders trailed by only one point late in the first half only to see UIC close the half on a 10-2 run and take a 37-28 lead. The Raiders were outshot by the Flames in the first half 43 percent to 38 percent overall as the Raiders were only four of 18 from three-point land.

Wright State came out of the locker room on fire and opened the second half on a 16-7 run to regain the lead.

After a few more lead changes, the Raiders recorded the 62-60 victory.

"We were getting beat up on the boards in the first half," said Head Coach Mike Bradbury. "In the second half, we rebounded much better and were much more aggressive offensively."

The Raiders used a balanced offensive attack with four players scoring in double-figures.

Molly Fox led the way with 20

points and nine rebounds, Kim Demmings added 17 points and six assists, Shaunda Sandifer recorded 12 points and eight rebounds and Kayla Lamotte added 11 points of her own.

"We're a team without a superstar," said Bradbury. "We need to have balance and we need to have contributions from everyone. It's big because it doesn't allow the other team to focus in on one player."

Wright State's last three wins have come by a combined total of five points and Saturday's win marks the Raiders third straight comeback victory.

The win also marks the first time ever that the Raiders have swept both stops of the annual Chicago trip.

"We're a young team and we're starting to grow up a little bit," said Bradbury. "These last three games have shown that we have a little bit of toughness to us and that we won't give up."

Wright State (11-5, 4-0 Horizon) hosts No. 17 Green Bay in a battle for first place in the Horizon League on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Ervin J. Nutter Center.

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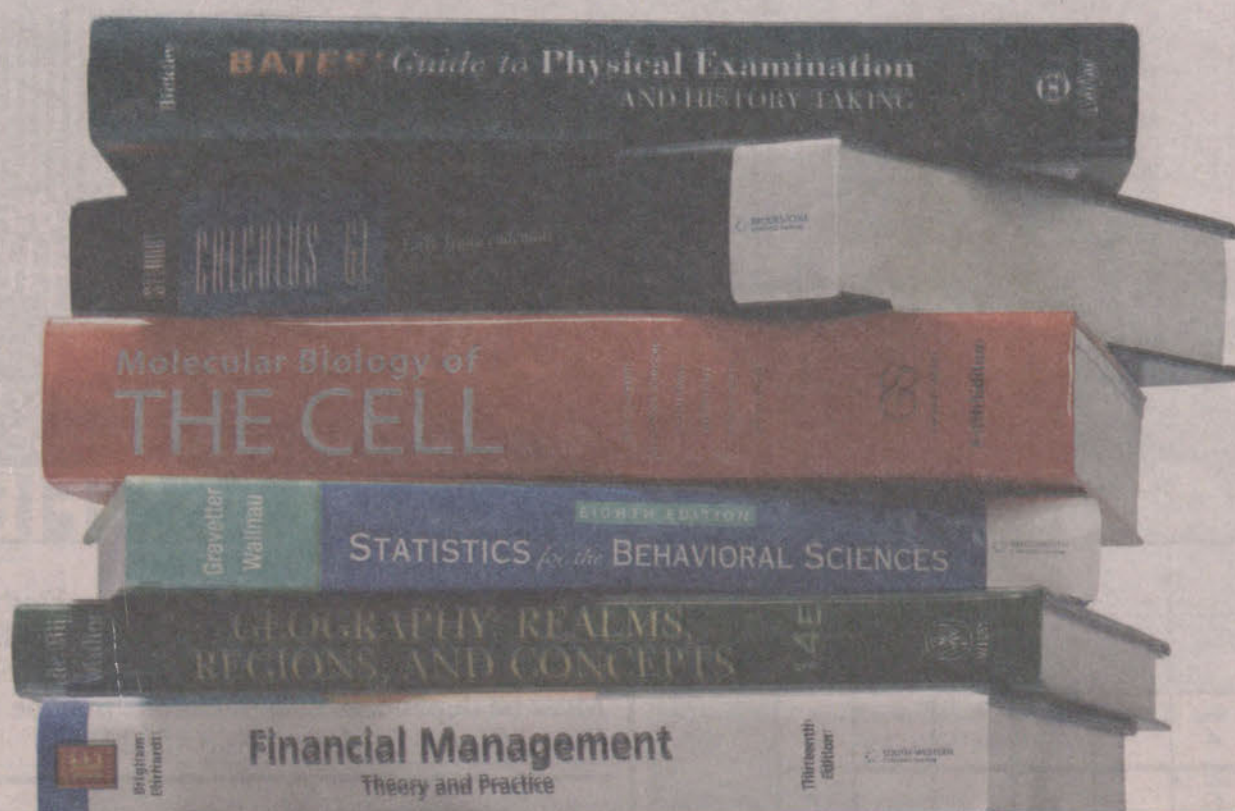
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